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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 2,689,747 to Kolbe	September 21, 1954
U.S. Patent No. 3,137,513 to Marot	June 16, 1964
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U.S. Patent No. 6,250,649 to Dieter	June 26, 2001
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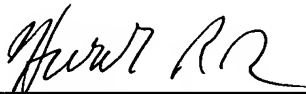
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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